



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF: Tommie L. Rogers  
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/771,265  
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ART UNIT: 3723  
EXAMINER: McDonald, Shantese L.  
FOR: Tong Assembly

**AMENDMENT/REPLY ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This amendment/reply accompanies the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") filed in the captioned application, in response to the Office Action of October 18, 2007 (made final). A shortened statutory period for response expired three months from the date of said Office Action, on January 18, 2008. This amendment/reply, and the RCE, is made April 17, 2008 by the Certificate of Mailing procedure provided for in Rule 1.8, and is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time of three months.

Please amend the claims as follows: